

PROJECT NUMBER: RADV2008-00012
CASES: N/A

* * * INITIAL STUDY * * *

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING

GENERAL INFORMATION

I.A. Map Date:	<u>N/A</u>	Staff Member:	David McDonald				
Thomas Guide:	<u>635</u>	USGS Quad:	Los Angeles				
Location:							
The proposed Spec	The proposed Specific Plan Area is located in the community of East Los Angeles, which is located 4 miles east of						
downtown Los Angeles, in unincorporated Los Angeles County. The Specific Plan Area is bordered roughly by							
Cesar Chavez Avenue to the north, Atlantic Avenue to the east, Whittier Boulevard to the south, and Indiana							
Street to the west.							

Project Description:

The 3rd Street Corridor Specific Plan is proposed for the portion of the East Los Angeles community located north and south of the recently completed Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension along 3rd Street. The 3rd Street Corridor Specific Plan represents the first phase of the update of the East Los Angeles Community Plan as adopted by the County of Los Angeles in 1988. The second phase of the update of the East Los Angeles Community Plan will occur at a later date and will update the community plan for all remaining areas of East Los Angeles.

The proposed Specific Plan defines a vision and a set of development principles to guide future development within the Specific Plan Area over the next 20 years. The development principles contained in the Specific Plan are based on the principles of Transit Oriented Development, which offer compact, sustainable, human scale, and pedestrian-friendly planning solutions as an alternative to an automobile oriented development pattern. The different strategies contained in the proposed Specific Plan to implement these principles are described below.

Development Strategy – The development strategy proposed in the Specific Plan is framed around three principal planning concepts: (1) major change is expected along the 3rd Street corridor around the three Metro. Gold Line stations on 3rd Street and around the Indiana Street Station in areas located in unincorporated East Los Angeles. These areas are planned to contain residential, office, and retail uses organized within mixed-use buildings; (2) moderate change is expected along the auto oriented corridors in the Specific Plan Area, such as Cesar Chavez Avenue and Atlantic Boulevard, with infill projects located in a manner compatible with the existing context of each street; and (3) minor change is expected in the residential neighborhoods within the Specific Plan Area. The emphasis of the plan is to enhance and stabilize the quality of life in each of the existing residential neighborhoods.

The proposed Specific Plan identifies locations for new transit oriented development around the Metro Gold Line stations and along 3rd Street along with public improvement projects that would assist in creating the vision described in the plan. The Specific Plan would allow for approximately 320,000 square feet of additional retail commercial development and 370,000 square feet of additional office development in the locations along with approximately 420 additional residential units in mixed-use projects in locations identified as suitable for new development in the Specific Plan.

Public Realm Strategy – To improve the public realm, the proposed Specific Plan focuses on (1) increasing access to parks and open space by using streets and sidewalks to bring important recreational amenities within a reasonable walking and biking distance to residents; (2) promoting the shared use of public facilities, such as church and school playgrounds, in order to expand parks and open space within the community; (3) the provision of new parks by concentrating on the use of vacant lots, large areas of unused land, underutilized land below freeways, and extending Belvedere Park over the Pomona (60) freeway; (4) developing complete and green streets by managing and replanting streetscapes, providing adequate sidewalks, and introducing bike lanes in an effort to encourage more people to walk and ride safely to Gold Line stations; and (5) offering opportunities for introducing sustainable landscape practices that conserve water, energy, and natural resources.

Mobility Strategy – The mobility strategy in the proposed Specific Plan centers on (1) incorporating the concept of "context sensitive solutions" (CSS) design, which responds to the urban context, transit opportunities, pedestrian density, and pedestrian behavior along different streets or segments; (2) rebalancing the allocation and design of the public right of way in favor of bicyclists and pedestrians; (3) reclassifying and adjusting key streets in an effort to incorporate existing traffic, bicycle, and pedestrian flows; (4) adjusting street standards to slow traffic down; and (5) introducing a bicycle network that capitalizes on the existing interconnected street network, the area's existing and proposed parks and play fields, and its adjacency to the Gold Line route.

Implementation Strategy – The implementation strategy is organized around a set of concrete actions that can be taken by the public or the private sector, or in partnership between the two, to realize the vision of the proposed Specific Plan over time. The implementation strategy consists of a number of regulations, adjustments, and clarifications to the existing regulatory system. These include the adoption of the proposed Specific Plan by the County of Los Angeles, to establish the Development Code as a subpart of the current zoning code, and amending the existing East Los Angeles Community Plan. In addition, implementation of the proposed Specific Plan focuses on attracting private sector investment, enlarging, and extending the Maravilla Redevelopment Project Area beyond the present boundaries and 2013 expiration date, establishing a property and business improvement district, and applying for grants and external funding.

Development Code – The development code listed in the proposed Specific Plan is a form-based code that is organized around a regulating plan composed of zones of varying development intensities. Within each zone, a set of coordinated land use, urban, architectural, sign, and subdivision standards guide entitlements and design, provide discreet development choices, and enable a high degree of compatibility between new projects and their immediate surroundings.

Gross Acres: Approximately 1,600 acres

Environmental Setting:

East Los Angeles is bounded by the City of Los Angeles to the north and west, the Cities of Monterey Park and Montebello to the east, and the City of Commerce to the south. Land uses surrounding the community include low to medium residential to the north and west, a mix of low density and commercial to the east, and industrial to the south. East Los Angeles is urbanized and is bisected by the Pomona (60) and Long Beach (710) freeways. Land uses in the community are predominately residential with commercial uses located along the main corridors.

Zoning:

There are 15 zoning designations within the Specific Plan Area. Six of the zones are residential (R-1, R-2, R-3, R-3-P, R-4, and R-4-DP). The remaining nine zones consist of commercial zones (C-1, C-2, C-3, C-3-DP, C-M, and CPD), an institutional zone (IT), a manufacturing zone (M-1), and an open space zone (O-S)

General Plan:

The 1980 General Plan designates the following eight land use policy categories: Low Density Residential (1), Low-Medium Density Residential (2), Medium Density Residential (3), High Density Residential (4), Major Commercial (C), Major Industrial (I), Public and Semi-Public Facilities (P), and Open Space (O).

Community/Area wide Plan: The East Los Angeles Community Plan applies the following nine Community Plan designations to the Specific Plan Area: Low Density Residential, Low-Medium Density Residential, Medium Density Residential, Community Commercial, Major Commercial, Commercial/Residential, Commercial/Manufacturing, Industrial, and Public Uses (Schools, Parks/Open Space, Public Buildings, Hospitals).

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PROJECT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION & STATUS	
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	REVIEWING AGENCIES	

Responsible Agencies

None	Coastal Commission
LA Regional Water Quality Control Board	Army Corps of Engineers
Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board	Los Angeles City

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NoneState Fish and Game	State Parks
Special Reviewing Agencies	
None National Parks National Forest Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Edwards Air Force Base	 ☑ Elementary/High School District ☑ Local Native American Tribal Council ☑ Water District ☑ California Department of Toxic Substance Contro ☑ Town Council
Regional Significance	
☐ None ☑ SCAG	Air Quality Management District
County Reviewing Agencies	
DPW: -Land Development Division (Grading & Drainage) -Geotechnical & Materials Engineering Division -Watershed Management Division (NPDES) -Traffic and Lighting -Environmental Programs Division	Public Health: Environmental Hygiene (Noise) Fire Department - Forestry, Environmental Division - Planning Division - Hazardous Material Sheriff Department
-Sewer Maintenance Division	Sanitation District

Trustee Agencies

IMPACT ANALYSIS MATRIX			ANALYSIS SUMMARY (See individual pages for details)					
		Less	Less than Significant Impact/No Impact					
			Less than Significant Impact with Project Mitigation					
				Potentially Significant Impact				
CATEGORY	FACTOR	Pg				Potential Concern		
	1. Geotechnical	6						
HAZARDS	2. Flood	7						
	3. Fire	8						
	4. Noise	9				Construction noise and vibration, freeway noise		
	1. Water Quality	10	\boxtimes					
	2. Air Quality	11			\boxtimes	Adjacent to freeways, exceed local thresholds; greenhouse gas emissions		
	3. Biota	13	\boxtimes					
RESOURCES	4. Arch./Hist./Paleo.	14				Potential to impact historic buildings		
	5. Mineral Resources	15	\boxtimes					
	6. Agriculture Resources	16	\boxtimes					
	7. Visual Qualities	17				Out-of-character, shade-shadow impacts		
	1. Traffic/Access	18				Increased vehicle trips, congestion management		
	2. Sewage Disposal	19				Wastewater treatment capacity		
SERVICES	3. Education	20				School capacity		
	4. Fire/Sheriff	21				Fire station staffing and response time		
	5. Utilities	22			\boxtimes	Water supply, utilities, solid waste, governmental facilities		
	1. General	24				Community character change		
	2. Environmental Safety	25			\boxtimes	Hazardous materials		
	3. Land Use	27				Plan amendment		
OTHER	4. Pop/Hous./Emp./Rec.	28			\boxtimes	Increased population, increased demand for recreational facilities		
	5. Mandatory Findings					Noise, air quality, public services, cumulative impact		

Environmental Finding: FINAL DETERMINATION: On the basis of this Initial Study, the Department of Regional Planning finds that this project qualifies for the following environmental document: NEGATIVE DECLARATION, inasmuch as the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment. An Initial Study was prepared on this project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and the environmental reporting procedures of the County of Los Angeles. It was determined that this project would not exceed the established threshold criteria for any environmental/service factor and, as a result, would not have a significant effect on the physical environment. MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, in as much as the changes required for the project would reduce impacts to insignificant levels (see attached discussion and/or conditions). An Initial Study was prepared on this project in compliance with the State CEQA Guidelines and the environmental reporting procedures of the County of Los Angeles. It was originally determined that the proposed project may exceed established threshold criteria. The applicant has agreed to modification of the project so that it can now be determined that the project would not have a significant effect on the physical environment. The modification to mitigate this impact(s) is identified on the Project Changes/Conditions Form included as part of this Initial Study. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT*, inasmuch as there is substantial evidence that the project may have a significant impact due to factors listed above as "significant." At least one factor has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to legal standards, and has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on the attached sheets (see attached Form DRP/IA 101). The EIR is required to analyze only the factors not previously addressed.

Determination appealed – see attached sheet.

*NOTE: Findings for Environmental Impact Reports would be prepared as a separate document following the public hearing on the project.

Reviewed by:

Approved by:

David McDonald

project would have potential for an adverse effect on wildlife or the habitat upon which the wildlife depends. (Fish & Game Code 753.5).

This proposed project is exempt from Fish and Game CEQA filling fees. There is no substantial evidence that the proposed

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Date: September 9, 2010

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HAZARDS - 1. Geotechnical

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	Yes	No	Maybe	
a.				Is the project located in an active or potentially active fault zone, Seismic Hazards Zone,
u.	ш			or Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone?
				The Specific Plan Area is not located in an active or potentially active fault zone or Seismic
				Hazard Zone (Source: California Geological Survey – Seismic Hazard Zone, Los Angeles
				Quad, Los Angeles County Safety Element – Fault Rupture Hazards & Seismicity Map). The
				closest fault to the Specific Plan is the Whittier Fault, which is located 3.5 miles to the east.
b.				Is the project site located in an area containing a major landslide(s)?
				The Specific Plan Area is relatively flat and not located in a Landslide Zone (Source: Los
				Angeles County Safety Element – Landslide Inventory Map).
c.				Is the project site located in an area having high slope instability?
				The Specific Plan Area is relatively flat and not located in a Landslide Zone (Source: Los Angeles County Safety Element – Landslide Inventory Map).
d.				Is the project site subject to high subsidence, high groundwater level, liquefaction, or hydrocompaction?
				The Specific Plan Area is not located in a Liquefaction Zone (Source: California Geological
				Survey - Seismic Hazard Zone, Los Angeles Quad, and Los Angeles County Safety Element -
				Liquefaction Susceptibility Map).
^				Is the proposed project considered a sensitive use (school, hospital, public assembly site)
e.				located in close proximity to a significant geotechnical hazard?
				The proposed project is a Specific Plan and does not entail the construction of sensitive land
				uses, such as schools, hospitals, or public assembly sites in close proximity to a significant geological hazard.
				Would the project entail substantial grading and/or alteration of topography including
f.				slopes of over 25%?
				The proposed Specific Plan is a planning program and not a development project and will
				not directly result in any grading for this reason. Individual development projects that may
				occur in the future within the Specific Plan Area may possibly require some grading
				although it will not involve slopes over 25 percent as the Specific Plan Area is relatively flat.
g.				Would the project be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?
				No expansive soils are known from the Specific Plan area. Individual development projects
				that may occur in the future within the Specific Plan Area will be subject to geotechnical
				requirements listed in Title 26 of the County Code.
h.				Other factors (tsunamis and seiches)?
				N/A
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HAZARDS - 2. Flood

SETTING/IMPACTS

	Yes	No	Maybe					
a.				Is there a major drainage course, as identified on USGS quad sheets by a dashed line, located on the project site?				
b.				The Specific Plan Area is not located in a major drainage course (Source: USGS Los Angeles Quad). Is the project site located within or does it contain a floodway, floodplain, or designated flood hazard zone? See response Hazards 2a, above. The Specific Plan Area is not located in a floodway, floodplain, or designated flood hazard zone. (Source: Los Angeles County Safety Element –				
c.		\boxtimes		Flood and Inundation Hazards Map). Is the project site located in or subject to high mudflow conditions?				
С.				The Specific Plan Area is generally flat and is not located in or subject to high mudflow conditions.				
d.				Could the project contribute or be subject to high erosion and debris deposition from run-off?				
				See response Hazards 2c, above. The Specific Plan Area is mostly developed and will not contribute to or be subject to high erosion and debris deposition from runoff during construction or post-construction.				
e.				Would the project substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area?				
				The Specific Plan Area is served by a public storm drain system, which will not be changed substantially as a result of change through future development projects. Individual development projects that may occur in the future within the Specific Plan Area will not substantially alter the existing drainage pattern because the Specific Plan Area is mostly developed and has existing drainage infrastructure in place.				
f.		П		Other factors (e.g., dam failure)?				
••				N/A				
	Buildir	ng Cod	le, Title 26	IREMENTS – Section 110.1 (Flood Hazard) e, Title 11 – Chapter 11.60 (Floodways)				
	MITIGATION MEASURES / OTHER CONSIDERATIONS Lot Size Project Design Approval of Drainage Concept by DPW							
Cor		ng the		ormation, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on, or be ogical) factors?				
	Poten	tially s	ignificant	\square Less than significant with project mitigation $\ igsim$ Less than significant/No impact				

HAZARDS - 3. Fire

SETTING/IMPACTS

	Yes	No	Maybe	
a.				Is the project site located in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ-Fire Zone 4)?
				The Specific Plan Area is not located in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (Los Angeles
				County Fire Department).
b.		\boxtimes		Is the project site in a high fire hazard area and served by inadequate access due to lengths, width, surface materials, turnarounds or grade?
				See response Hazards 3a, above. The Specific Plan Area does not include areas served by
				inadequate access due to lengths, width, surface materials, turnarounds, or grade.
c.		\boxtimes		Does the project site have more than 75 dwelling units on a single access in a high fire
				hazard area?
				See response Hazards 3a, above. The Specific Plan Area does not include areas with more than 75 dwelling units on a single access.
				Is the project site located in an area having inadequate water and pressure to meet fire
d.	Ш	\boxtimes		flow standards?
				The Specific Plan Area is not known for having inadequate water and pressure to meet fire
				flow standards; however, future development regulated by the proposed Specific Plan will
				receive the appropriate review for fire flow availability as part of the building permit
				process. Future uses and development will not impact the existing water supply
				infrastructure and water pressure will meet the required fire flow standards.
e.				Is the project located in close proximity to potential dangerous fire hazard conditions/uses (such as refineries, flammables, explosives manufacturing)?
				There are no refineries or explosive manufacturing uses within the Specific Plan Area
				(Source: Los Angeles County Safety Element – Wildland and Urban Fire Hazards Map).
f.	Ш	\boxtimes		Does the proposed use constitute a potentially dangerous fire hazard?
				The proposed project is a Specific Plan and does not grant entitlements for any projects that
				will constitute a potentially dangerous fire hazard. Furthermore, the proposed Specific Plan
				does not revise, replace, or attempt to supersede existing standards and procedures to
				ensure compliance with County codes.
g.	Ш			Other factors?
				N/A
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HAZARDS - 4. Noise

SETTING/IMPACTS Yes No Maybe \square Is the project site located near a high noise source (airports, railroads, freeways, a. industry)? The Specific Plan Area is bisected by the Pomona (60) and Long Beach (710) freeway and includes the Metro Gold Line light rail line. Noise generated by these facilities could exceed exterior and interior noise standards contained in the County Noise Ordinance. This impact is considered potentially significant and will be addressed in the EIR. X Is the proposed use considered sensitive (school, hospital, senior citizen facility) or are b. there other sensitive uses in close proximity? There are existing noise sensitive uses located in the Specific Plan Area, including schools, hospitals, and senior citizen facilities. Noise generated by individual development projects that may occur in the future within the Specific Plan Area may generate noise during construction and/or operation could exceed exterior and interior noise standards contained in the County Noise Ordinance. This impact is considered potentially significant and will be addressed in the EIR. M Could the project substantially increase ambient noise levels including those associated c. with special equipment (such as amplified sound systems) or parking areas associated with the project? Although specific projects are not yet known, there could be development that may substantially increase ambient noise levels. See also response Hazards 2b, above. Would the project result in a substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise X d. levels in the project vicinity above levels without the project? Construction activities for new development could substantially increase ambient noise but would comply with the County Noise Ordinance. See also response Hazards 2b, above. \square Other factors? (Construction and Operational Vibration Impacts) e. Vibration generated by construction of future development associated with the proposed Specific Plan could negatively affect buildings within close proximity to construction. New development may be subject to vibration impacts from the light rail line. This impact is considered potentially significant and will be addressed in the EIR. STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS Environmental Protection Code, Title 12 – Chapter 12.08 (Noise Control) ⊠ Building Code, Title 26 – Sections 1208A (Interior Environment – Noise) MITIGATION MEASURES / OTHER CONSIDERATIONS Compatible Use Lot Size **Project Design** CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on, or be adversely impacted by noise?

Potentially significant	Less than significant with project mitigation	Less than significant/No impact
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RESOURCES - 1. Water Quality

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	Yes	No	Maybe	
a.				Is the project site located in an area having known water quality problems and
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				Water service within the Specific Plan Area is provided by the California Water Service Company (Cal Water). Cal Water's water supply comes from MWD and local groundwater.
				Groundwater at one well in the area exceeds the standard for magnesium which is leached
				from natural deposits. However, this exceedance does not pose a health risk (Source: East
				Los Angeles District 2009 Water Quality Report).
b.	Ш			Would the proposed project require the use of a private sewage disposal system?
				Sewer service within the Specific Plan Area is provided by Los Angeles County Sanitation
				Districts. All properties within the Specific Plan Area are connected to public sewer lines.
				Future development proposals will require connection to a public sewer line prior to issuance of a building permit.
				If the answer is yes, is the project site located in an area having known septic tank
				limitations due to high groundwater or other geotechnical limitations or is the project
				proposing on-site systems located in close proximity to a drainage course?
				N/A
c.				Could the project's associated construction activities significantly impact the quality of
				groundwater and/or storm water runoff to the storm water conveyance system and/or
				receiving water bodies?
				The proposed Specific Plan does not involve construction that could significantly impact
				water quality and runoff. Future construction activity occurring within the Specific Plan
				Area will be subject to environmental protection standards, which restricts materials discharged into storm drains and require measures to mitigate storm water runoff and
				pollution due to construction activity.
				Could the project's post-development activities potentially degrade the quality of storm
d.				water runoff and/or could post-development non-storm water discharges contribute
	_	_	<u> </u>	potential pollutants to the storm water conveyance system and/or receiving bodies?
				Development facilitated by the proposed Specific Plan will comply with County Codes
				pertaining to water discharges, water quality, and storm water, including the Low-Impact
				Development Ordinance and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.
e.	Ш			Other factors?
				N/A
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				e 11 – Chapter 11.38 (Water & Sewers)
				Title 12 – Chapter 12.80 (Storm-water & Runoff Pollution Control)
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RESOURCES - 2. Air Quality

SETTING/IMPACTS

	Yes	No	Maybe	
a.				Would the proposed project exceed the State's criteria for regional significance (generally (a) 500 dwelling units for residential users or (b) 40 gross acres, 650,000 square feet of floor area or 1,000 employees for non-residential uses)? The Specific Plan would allow for approximately 320,000 square feet of additional retail commercial development and 370,000 square feet of additional office development in the locations along with approximately 420 additional residential units, thus meeting the state's criteria for regional significance. This impact is considered potentially significant and will be addressed in the EIR.
b.				Is the proposal considered a sensitive use (schools, hospitals, parks) and located near a freeway or heavy industrial use?
				The Specific Plan Area is divided by the Pomona (60) and Long Beach (710) freeways. Implementation of the proposed Specific Plan will facilitate the development of parks within close proximity to these freeways. This impact is considered potentially significant and will be addressed in the EIR.
c.				Would the project increase local emissions to a significant extent due to increased traffic congestion or use of a parking structure or exceed AQMD thresholds of potential significance?
				See response Resources 2a, above. Future development within the Specific Plan Area may increase traffic congestion, require a parking structure, or exceed AQMD thresholds of potential significance. This impact is considered potentially significant and will be addressed in the EIR. Would the project generate or is the site in close proximity to sources that create
d.				obnoxious odors, dust, and/or hazardous emissions? The Specific Plan Area is divided by the Pomona (60) and Long Beach (710) freeways. Vehicles traveling along the freeway may generate hazardous emissions, and thus negatively affect nearby residents and other sensitive uses. This impact is considered potentially significant and will be addressed in the EIR. No proposed land uses changes will contribute to the generation of obnoxious odors.
e.				Would the project conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?
				Population assumptions included in the 2007 AQMP are based on growth projections provided by SCAG. If a project is consistent with population projections provide by SCAG it is said to be consistent with the AQMP. As future development associated with the proposed Specific Plan could exceed SCAG projections, the proposed project may conflict or obstruct implementation of the 2007 AQMP. This impact is considered potentially significant and will be addressed in the EIR.
f.				Would the project violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?
				East Los Angeles is located in Los Angeles County, which is a nonattainment area, and future development associated with the proposed Specific Plan will continue to contribute to air quality conditions in the region that currently do not fully comply with state and federal standards. This impact is considered potentially significant and will be addressed in the EIR.

g.				Would the project result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emission which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?
h.				See response Resources 2f, above. Would the project generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that
				may have a significant impact on the environment? The new development allowed by the proposed Specific Plan implementation could generate greenhouse gas emissions that may have a significant environmental impact.
i.	П			Would the project conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the
				purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?
				The Specific Plan will be consistent with the County's Green Building Ordinance and
	_			applicable State laws regarding compliance with greenhouse gas emission reductions.
j.		$ \sqcup $		Other factors?
				N/A
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RESOURCES - 3. Biota SETTING/IMPACTS Yes Maybe No Is the project site located within Significant Ecological Area (SEA), SEA Buffer, or coastal XSensitive Environmental Resource (ESHA, etc.), or is the site relatively undisturbed and a. natural? The Specific Plan Area is not located within a SEA, SEA Buffer, or coastal ESHA. The Specific Plan Area is predominantly built out with a limited amount of vacant lots. The vacant parcels are dominated by non-native or ruderal species. Would grading activities, fire clearance, or flood related improvements remove \mathbb{M} b. substantial natural habitat areas? The Specific Plan Area is primarily developed. There are no known natural habitat areas within the Specific Plan Area. Is a major drainage course, as identified on USGS quad sheets by a blue dashed line, \boxtimes c. located on the project site? The Specific Plan Area does not include a drainage course (Source: USGS Los Angeles Quad). Does the project site contain a major riparian or other sensitive habitat (e.g. coastal sage X d. scrub, oak woodland, sycamore riparian, woodland, wetland, etc.)? The Specific Plan Area does not contain any major riparian or other sensitive habitat. Xe. Does the project site contain oak or other unique native trees (specify kinds of trees)? The Specific Plan Area does not contain oak or other unique native trees. Is the project site habitat for any known sensitive species (federal or state listed M f. endangered, etc.)? According to the California Natural Diversity Database, an inventory maintained by the California Department of Fish and Game's Habitat Conservation Division, the East Los Angeles area is not a habitat for any known federal or state listed endangered species. Southwestern willow flycatcher is recorded without specific location from the Los Angeles Quad but has not been reported since 1894 and suitable habitat is not known from the Specific Plan Area. Other factors (e.g., wildlife corridor, adjacent open space linkage)? g.

MITIGATION MEASURES / □ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS Lot Size □ Project Design □ ERB/SEATAC Review □ Oak Tree Permit

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on, **biotic** resources?

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RESOURCES - 4. Archaeological/Historical/Paleontological **SETTING/IMPACTS** Yes No Maybe Is the project site in or near an area containing known archaeological resources or X containing features (drainage course, spring, knoll, rock outcroppings, or oak trees) that a. indicate potential archaeological sensitivity? The Specific Plan Area is current developed and does not contain native oak trees or natural <u>drainage courses – features indicating potential archaeological sensitivity.</u> Does the project site contain rock formations indicating potential paleontological \square b. resources? The Specific Plan Area is developed and does not include any rock formations indicating potential paleontological resources. \mathbb{N} Does the project site contain known historic structures or sites? c. There are no currently designated resources in East Los Angeles at the federal or state level. The County does not have a program for designating resources at the local level. However, several buildings in the project area are eligible for federal and state listing. A historic resource survey conducted as part of the process to develop the proposed Specific Plan identified several potential historic resources. Future development associated with the proposed Specific Plan could negatively affect these structures. This impact is considered potentially significant and will be addressed in the EIR. Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical or X d. archaeological resource as defined in 15064.5? The Specific Plan area is currently a developed area; however, construction activities could uncover subsurface archaeological resources not currently visible. See also response Resources 4c, above. Would the project directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site \bowtie e. or unique geologic feature? No paleontological resources are currently known from the Specific Plan area. Hidden paleontological resources could be discovered during construction on a project-specific basis. Project impact assessment on site-specific paleontological resources is part of the development application process and part of future applicants' responsibilities. f. Other factors? N/A MITIGATION MEASURES / **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS** Lot Size Project Design Phase 1 Archaeology Report CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project leave a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on archaeological, historical, or paleontological resources?

Notentially significant	Less than significant with project mitigation	Less than significant/No impact
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RESOURCES - 5. Mineral Resources

SETTING/IMPACTS Yes No Maybe Would the project result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that \boxtimes a. would be of value to the region and the residents of the state? The Specific Plan Area does not contain Mineral Resources Zones or oil reserves as defined by the State of California. Would the project result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral \boxtimes resource discovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land b. The Specific Plan Area does not contain locally important mineral resources delineated in the County General Plan of the East Los Angeles Community Plan. Other factors? (Oil and Natural Gas Resource Zone) c. N/A MITIGATION MEASURES / OTHER CONSIDERATIONS **Project Design** Lot Size

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project leave a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on **mineral** resources?

Potentially significant	Less than significant with project mitigation	Less than significant/No impact
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RESOURCES - 6. Agriculture Resources

SETTING/IMPACTS

	Yes	No	Maybe					
a.				Would the project convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program (FMMP) of the California Resources Agency to nonagricultural use?				
				East Los Angeles does not contain Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance.				
b.				Would the project conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?				
				East Los Angeles does not contain agricultural zoned parcels or Williamson Act contracts.				
C.				Would the project involve other changes in the existing environment that due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use?				
				See response Resources 6a, above.				
d.				Other factors?				
				N/A				
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RESOURCES - 7. Visual Qualities

SETTING/IMPACTS

	Yes	No	Maybe	
a.				Is the project site substantially visible from or would it obstruct views along a scenic highway (as shown on the Scenic Highway Element), or is it located within a scenic corridor or would it otherwise impact the viewshed?
				East Los Angeles does not contain designated scenic highways or corridors.
b.				Is the project substantially visible from or would it obstruct views from a regional riding or hiking trail?
				There are no views from regional riding or hiking trails to the Specific Plan Area.
c.				Is the project site located in an undeveloped or undisturbed area that contains unique aesthetic features?
				The Specific Plan Area is predominantly developed with a limited amount of vacant land.
d.				Is the proposed use out-of-character in comparison to adjacent uses because of height, bulk, or other features?
				The development code contained in the proposed Specific Plan includes development, architectural, and signage standards. These standards will shape the physical appearance of future development throughout the Specific Plan Area, and may conflict with the existing visual character of the area. This impact is considered potentially significant and will be addressed in the EIR.
e.	\boxtimes			Is the project likely to create substantial sun shadow, light or glare problems?
				Along 3 rd Street, the maximum height for buildings is three stories with five stories allowed
				if the fourth and fifth stories are set back 20 feet from the right-of-way and 50 feet from the
				side and rear property lines. These heights may result in adverse impacts relating to shade
				and shadow. In addition, substantial light and glare could result from high intensity light
				fixtures or the use of highly reflective glass or other building materials. This impact is
_				considered potentially significant and will be addressed in the EIR.
f.	Ш			Other factors (e.g., grading or landform alteration)?
				<u>N/A</u>
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SERVICES - 1. Traffic/Access

SETTING/IMPACTS

	Yes	No	Maybe	
a.				Does the project contain 25 dwelling units or more and is it located in an area with known congestion problems (roadway or intersections)?
				The Specific Plan would allow for approximately 320,000 square feet of additional retail commercial development and 370,000 square feet of additional office development in the
				locations along with approximately 420 additional residential units in mixed-use projects in
				locations identified as suitable for new development in the Specific Plan. Consequently,
				implementation of the Specific Plan will result in an increase in vehicle trips and result in
				congestion on the surrounding roadway network. This impact is considered potentially
				significant and will be addressed in the EIR.
b.				Would the project result in any hazardous traffic conditions?
				See response Services 1a, above. Future development within the Specific Plan Area will
				result in an increase in vehicle trips and result in congestion on the surrounding roadway
				network. An increase in congestion could result in hazardous traffic conditions. This impact
				is considered potentially significant and will be addressed in the EIR. Would the project result in parking problems with a subsequent impact on traffic
c.		\boxtimes		conditions?
				Future development associated with the proposed Specific Plan will be subject to parking
				requirements in Title 22 of the County Code. Any deviation from the County Code required
				for parking requirements would be a discretionary action requiring a separate
				environmental assessment.
d.		\boxtimes		Would inadequate access during an emergency (other than fire hazards) result in problems for emergency vehicles or residents/employees in the area?
				The proposed Specific Plan will facilitate development within the Specific Plan Area but
				does not grant entitlements for any projects. It will not alter any existing standards or
				requirements for maintaining adequate vehicle and resident/employee access. Any changes
				to existing street system would be reviewed by the County Fire Department for emergency
				accessibility.
				Would the congestion management program (CMP) Transportation Impact Analysis
e.				thresholds of 50 peak hour vehicles added by project traffic to a CMP highway system intersection or 150 peak hour trips added by project traffic to a mainline freeway link be
				exceeded?
				See response Services 1a, above. Future development within the Specific Plan Area will
				result in an increase in vehicle trips and result in congestion on the surrounding roadway
				network. An increase in congestion could add peak hour vehicle trips to CMP designated
				facilities. This impact is considered potentially significant and will be addressed in the EIR.
f.		\boxtimes		Would the project conflict with adopted policies, plans, or program supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus, turnouts, bicycle racks)?
				The proposed Specific Plan supports and reinforces transit-oriented development along the
				3 rd Street corridor.
g.				Other factors?
				N/A
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SERVICES - 2. Sewage Disposal

SE	TING/	/IMPA	CTS	
	Yes	No	Maybe	
a.				If served by a community sewage system, could the project create capacity problems at the treatment plant?
				The project area is served by public sewer lines. Additional development within the Specific Plan Area may create capacity problems at the treatment plant serving this area. This impact is considered potentially significant and will be addressed in the EIR.
b.				Could the project create capacity problems in the sewer lines serving the project site?
				See response Services 2a, above. Additional development within the Specific Plan Area will require sewer line upgrades (Source: Fuscoe Sewer Report). This impact is considered potentially significant and will be addressed in the EIR.
c.				Other factors?
				N/A
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		-		rmation, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on the to sewage disposal facilities?
	Potent	ially sig	gnificant	Less than significant with project mitigation Less than significant/No impact

SERVICES - 3. Education

SETTING/IMPACTS Yes No Maybe \mathbb{N} Could the project create capacity problems at the district level? a. Implementation of the proposed Specific Plan will increase the amount of residential development within the Specific Plan Area. This could cause an increase in students within the Los Angeles Unified and Montebello School Districts, and therefore could create capacity problems at the district level. This impact is considered potentially significant and will be addressed in the EIR. Could the project create capacity problems at individual schools that would serve the \boxtimes b. project site? See response Services 3a, above. Students generated by future development associated with the proposed Specific Plan could create capacity problems at local schools serving the Specific Plan Area. This impact is considered potentially significant and will be addressed in the EIR. \bowtie Could the project create student transportation problems? c. See response Services 3a, above. Students generated by future development associated with the proposed Specific Plan could cause an increase in student transportation problems. This impact is considered potentially significant and will be addressed in the EIR. Could the project create substantial library impacts due to increased population and \boxtimes d. demand? Implementation of the proposed Specific Plan will increase the amount of residential development within the Specific Plan Area. This additional population could create substantial impacts on library services in East Los Angeles. This impact is considered potentially significant and will be addressed in the EIR. e. Other factors? N/A STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS State of California Government Code – Section 53080 (School Facilities Fee) Planning & Zoning Code, Title 22 – Chapter 22.72 (Library Facilities Mitigation Fee) MITIGATION MEASURES / OTHER CONSIDERATIONS Site Dedication Government Code Section 65995 Library Facilities Mitigation Fee CONCLUSION Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) relative to educational facilities/services? Potentially significant | Less than significant with project mitigation | Less than significant/No impact

SERVICES - 4. Fire/Sheriff Services

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	Yes	No	Maybe	
a.				Could the project create staffing or response time problems at the fire station or sheriff's substation serving the project site?
				East Los Angeles is served by the East Los Angeles Sheriff's Station located at 5019 East 3 rd Street within the Specific Plan Area. East Los Angeles is also served by two fire stations, Fire Station No. 1, located at 1108 North Eastern Avenue in East Los Angeles, and Fire Station No. 3, located at 930 South Eastern Avenue in East Los Angeles. The additional development that would be permitted by the proposed Specific Plan could create staffing or response time problems at the sheriff's station or the fire stations serving East Los Angeles. This impact is considered potentially significant and will be addressed in the EIR.
b.				Are there any special fire or law enforcement problems associated with the project or the general area?
				See response Service 4a, above. There are not any special fire or law enforcement problems associated with the community.
c.				Other factors?
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SERVICES - 5. Utilities/Other Services

SETTING/IMPACTS

	Yes	No	Maybe	
a.				Is the project site in an area known to have an inadequate public water supply to meet domestic needs or to have an inadequate ground water supply and proposes water wells?
				Water service within the Specific Plan Area is provided by the California Water Service Company (Cal Water). Cal Water's water supply comes from MWD and local groundwater. Future development associated with the proposed Specific Plan will result in an increase in demand for water within the Specific Plan Area. This impact is considered potentially significant and will be addressed in the EIR.
b.				Is the project site in an area known to have an inadequate water supply and/or pressure to meet fire fighting needs?
				The project area is not known for inadequate water supply and/or inadequate water pressure; however, future development proposals will be subject to appropriate review to ensure there is adequate water pressure for firefighting needs. Implementation of the Specific Plan land uses would include infrastructure improvements to meet fire fighting needs.
c.				Could the project create problems with providing utility services, such as electricity, gas, or propane?
				Electrical and natural gas service within the Specific Plan Area is provided by Southern California Edison and the Gas Company of Southern California, respectively. New development associated with the proposed Specific Plan will result in an increase in demand for electricity and natural gas within the Specific Plan Area. This impact is considered potentially significant and will be addressed in the EIR.
d.				Are there any other known service problem areas (e.g., solid waste)?
				Solid waste service within the Specific Plan Area is provided by Belvedere Garbage Disposal District and Consolidated Disposal Service. East Los Angeles is currently served by the Puente Hills Landfill. The landfill is scheduled for closure in 2013, and plans for a new waste-by-rail system are underway to ensure adequate solid waste services for the community. The Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts is planning to absorb the capacity that will be lost when the Puente Hills site closes and to accommodate future solid waste disposal needs. However, this capacity has not yet been completed. This impact is considered potentially significant and will be addressed in the EIR.
e.				Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services or facilities (e.g., fire protection, police protection, schools, parks, roads)?
				The additional development that would be allowed by the proposed Specific Plan will increase the demand for new governmental facilities, equipment, and staffing. This impact is considered potentially significant and will be addressed in the EIR.

f.				Other factors?
				N/A
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OTHER FACTORS - 1. General

SE	SETTING/IMPACTS			
	Yes	No	Maybe	
a.				Would the project result in an inefficient use of energy resources?
				The additional development that would be allowed by the proposed Specific Plan will not result in the inefficient use of energy resources. Future development within the Specific Plan Area will be subject to the County Green Building ordinance.
b.				Would the project result in a major change in the patterns, scale, or character of the general area or community?
				Implementation of the Specific Plan will concentrate development around the Gold Line Station on 3 rd Street and Indiana Street. This will result in intense mixed use centers around each station followed by adjacent middle density residential development. In addition, additional development and renovations are planned for 1 st Street, Cesar Chavez Avenue and Atlantic Boulevard. This additional development will result in major changes to the patterns, scale, and character of the Specific Plan Area and the East Los Angeles community. This impact is considered potentially significant and will be addressed in the EIR.
c.				Would the project result in a significant reduction in the amount of agricultural land?
				The project area does not contain any agricultural uses, agricultural land use designations, or zoning nor does the project area contain any Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance.
d.				Other factors?
				N/A
STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS California State Administrative Code, Title 24, Part 5, T-20 (Energy Conservation) MITIGATION MEASURES / OTHER CONSIDERATIONS Lot Size Project Design Compatible Use				
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		_		ormation, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on the to any of the above factors?
Potentially significant Less than significant with project mitigation Less than significant/No impact				

OTHER FACTORS - 2. Environmental Safety **SETTING/IMPACTS** No Maybe Yes M Are any hazardous materials used, transported, produced, handled, or stored on-site? a. The proposed Specific Plan is a land use policy document that does not grant entitlements for any activities associated with hazardous materials. Should any land use proposed within the Specific Plan Area include the construction, installation, modification, or removal of industrial waste treatment or disposal facilities, the DPW Environmental Programs Division must be contacted for required approvals and operating permits. \boxtimes b. Are any pressurized tanks to be used or any hazardous wastes stored on-site? The proposed Specific Plan is a land use policy document that does not grant entitlements for any activities associated with hazardous wastes or pressurized tanks. If any excavated soil is contaminated by or classified as hazardous waste by an appropriate agency, the soil must be managed and disposed of in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Further analysis of this topic is not required for this reason. See comment a, above. Are any residential units, schools, or hospitals located within 500 feet and potentially \square c. adversely affected? The proposed Specific Plan does not propose locating any residential units, schools or hospitals within 500 feet of potentially hazardous materials, as no hazardous material locations are currently know within the Specific Plan. Have there been previous uses that indicate residual soil toxicity of the site or is the site \square d. located within two miles downstream of a known groundwater contamination source within the same watershed? There are no major industrial or commercial uses within the Specific Plan Area, and no known residual soil toxicity or groundwater contamination. There are no known parcels within the Specific Plan area that are contaminated sites. Would the project create a significant hazard to the public or the environment involving Xe. the accidental release of hazardous materials into the environment? It is possible that buildings within the Specific Plan Area contain asbestos containing materials and lead-containing materials. In addition, fluorescent lights within buildings within the Specific Plan may contain Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs). Improper disposal of these items may create a significant hazard to the public or the environment by releasing these materials in to the environment. However, adherence to existing regulations on a project-level basis will ensure that these materials are properly disposed of in a safe manner. There are potential impacts for release of asbestos and lead-material during demolition and renovation activities. Would the project emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous materials, substances, f. \mathbb{N} or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school? The proposed Specific Plan does not grant entitlements for any activities associated with hazardous materials. No impacts are anticipated. Would the project be located on a site that is included on a list of hazardous materials Xsites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would g. create a significant hazard to the public or environment? Three hazardous materials sites listed in the Department of Toxic Substances Control EnviroStar Database are located within the Specific Plan Area. It is possible that future development associated with the proposed Specific Plan could be developed on these sites or be impacted by these sites. However, adherence to existing regulations requiring site

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cleanup and testing on a project-level basis will ensure that future development occurs in a safe manner. This impact is considered potentially significant and will be addressed in the

EIR.

h.			Would the project result in a safety hazard for people in a project area located within an airport land use plan, within two miles of a public or public use airport, or within the vicinity of a private airstrip?
			East Los Angeles is not within an airport land use plan, within 2 miles of a public or public use airport, or within the vicinity of a private airstrip.
i.			Would the project impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?
			The Los Angeles County Safety Element designated 3 rd Street as a selected disaster route. This route is the main thoroughfare to be used by emergency response services during an emergency and, if the situation warrants, the evacuation of an area. Future development associated with the proposed Specific Plan will neither result in a reduction of the number of lanes along this roadway segment in the Specific Plan Area nor result in the placement of an impediment to the flow of traffic such as medians.
j.			Other factors? N/A
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Cor	ng the a		ormation, could the project have a significant impact relative to public safety ?

OTHER FACTORS - 3. Land Use

SE	SETTING/IMPACTS				
	Yes	No	Maybe		
a.				Can the project be found to be inconsistent with the plan designation(s) of the subject property?	
				Implementation of the proposed Specific Plan will require an amendment to the County's General Plan and East Los Angeles Community Plan. Potential land uses impacts associated with this amendment will be further addressed in the EIR.	
b.				Can the project be found to be inconsistent with the zoning designation of the subject property?	
				The development code contained in the proposed Specific Plan will be included as a subpart of the zoning code. Potential land uses impacts associated with this change will be further addressed in the EIR.	
c.				Can the project be found to be inconsistent with the following applicable land use criteria:	
				Hillside Management Criteria?	
				SEA Conformance Criteria?	
				Other?	
				N/A	
d.				Would the project physically divide an established community?	
				Future development regulated by the proposed Specific Plan will not physically divide the East Los Angeles community as a goal of the Specific Plan is to emphasize the community unity.	
e.				Other factors?	
				N/A	
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		_		ormation, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on the to land use factors?	
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OTHER FACTORS - 4. Population/Housing/Employment/Recreation

SETTING/IMPACTS				
	Yes	No	M <u>ay</u> be	
a.				Could the project cumulatively exceed official regional or local population projections?
				In 2008, the Specific Plan Area had a reported population of just under 39,000 residents.
				Future development associated with the proposed Specific Plan will add new residents and
				employees to the Specific Plan Area. This increase in population may exceed SCAG
				projections for the Specific Plan Area. This impact is considered potentially significant and
				will be addressed in the EIR.
h				Could the project induce substantial direct or indirect growth in an area (e.g., through
b.	ш			projects in an undeveloped area or extension of major infrastructure)?
				The proposed Specific Plan will direct growth to areas within the Specific Plan Area that are
				already developed and contain existing infrastructure. No major infrastructure
				improvements are proposed.
c.				Could the project displace existing housing, especially affordable housing?
				Future development associated with the proposed Specific Plan could result in the
				demolition and replacement of existing housing, resulting in higher housing costs. This
				impact is considered potentially significant and will be addressed in the EIR.
٦		\square		Could the project result in substantial job/housing imbalance or substantial increase in
d.	ш			Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)?
				Future development associated with the proposed Specific Plan will include both residential
				and non-residential uses thus providing a balance between jobs and housing. In addition,
				implementation of the Specific Plan will place jobs and housing in close proximity to public
				transit thus reducing VMT.
e.				Could the project require new or expanded recreational facilities for future residents?
				Future development associated with the proposed Specific Plan will add new residents and
				employees to the Specific Plan Area. As a result, these new residents will demand new or
				expanded recreational facilities. The proposed Specific Plan includes a strategy to provide
				new parks within the Specific Plan Area to meet this demand. However, the timing of
				providing recreational facilities to meet additional demand has not been determined. Thus
				demand for recreational facilities could out pace the provision of recreational facilities. This
				impact is considered potentially significant and will be addressed in the EIR.
f.	\boxtimes			Would the project displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction
١.		Ш		of replacement housing elsewhere?
				Future development associated with the proposed Specific Plan could result in the
				demolition and replacement of existing housing, which will result in the displacement of
				existing residents. This impact is considered potentially significant and will be addressed in
				the EIR.
g.				Other factors?
				<u>N/A</u>
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Potentially significant Less than significant with project mitigation Less than significant/No impact				
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MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Based on this Initial Study, the following findings are made:

	Yes	No	Maybe	
а.		\boxtimes		Does the project have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?
				The Specific Plan Area is predominantly developed with both residential and non-residential development. No natural vegetation or wildlife habitat areas are located in the Specific Plan Area. Future residential and non-residential development will not impact natural habitats or threaten to eliminate or reduce the number of any plant or animal community, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory, archaeological resources or important historic resources. Does the project have possible environmental effects that are individually limited but
				cumulatively considerable? "Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental
b.				effects of an individual project are considerable when viewed in connection with the
٠.			Ш	effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable
				future projects.
				Implementation of the Specific Plan could contribute to cumulatively considerable impacts
				when considered together with other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future
				actions. As identified previously in this Initial Study, potentially significant project impacts
				could result with respect to noise, air quality, cultural/historical resources, visual resources,
				traffic/access, sewage disposal, education services, fire/sheriff services, utility services, land
				use, and population/housing/employment/recreation and will be further addressed in the
				EIR. Contributions of the proposed Specific Plan to cumulatively considerable impacts
				associated with these topics will be analyzed in the EIR.
С.				Would the environmental effects of the project cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?
				As discussed in the respective issue areas provided in this document, the proposed project
				may result in potentially significant impacts with respect to noise, air quality, visual
				resources, traffic/access, education services, fire/sheriff services, environmental safety, land
				use, and population/housing/employment/recreation and could have an adverse effect on
				human beings. This issue will be addressed in the EIR.
CONCLUSION				
Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on the environment?				
Potentially significant Less than significant with project mitigation Less than significant/No impact				